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Memorandum

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MM/Return B6 to Ray

TO : File

DATE: December 19, 1977

FROM : Consul, Richard A. Mc Coy
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SUBJECT: Doris Howard, [redacted] Vernie Thompson

[redacted] telephoned me on December 16, 1977 to request my assistance in having the above individuals returned to the United States.

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[redacted] claimed that her mother (Doris Howard) grandmother (Vernie Thompson) and cousin [redacted] are being held through "psychological pressure" by the People's Temple. [redacted] wanted my assistance in having her relatives returned to the United States. She stated that she did not believe her mother or grandmother were being mistreated but had heard her cousin had his head shaved as punishment for some violation of the community's rules.

I informed [redacted] that I had no authority to compel U.S. citizens to return to the United States. I mentioned that I would be visiting Jonestown next month and would arrange personal, private contact with her relatives.

[redacted] commented that her mother had written her stating that she intended to return to the United States within the next few months. If so, fine, if not then she plans to come to Guyana and attempt to contact her mother and other relatives and convince her to return with her [redacted] to the United States. [redacted] asked whether I would accompany her to Jonestown, however, my reply was noncommittal. I did agree to hand deliver a letter to [redacted] mother during my next visit.

DEPARTMENT OF [illegible]
REVIEWED BY [signature] DATE 3/2/87
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

cc. Ambassador
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CONS:RAMc Coy:mf

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